



# 2026 Postsecondary Success Achievements

Academic Data Highlights



Chicago Public Schools

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## Our Mission

To provide a high-quality public education for every child, in every neighborhood, that prepares each for success in college, career, and civic life.

## Our Vision

Every student will experience high-quality, culturally and linguistically responsive learning; develop the competencies of the CPS Graduate Profile; and be prepared for postsecondary success.

# Postsecondary Success Goal

**Increase opportunities** for students, especially those from historically underrepresented groups—such as Black students, Latinx students, low-income students, students with disabilities, and English learners—**to earn college credit and advanced career credentials while in high school** so that they are prepared for sustained success in college and their chosen career pathway.



# Key Postsecondary Success Strategies

- Career Advising (Starts in 6th Grade)
- Early Algebra Expansion
- Learn Plan Succeed
- Roadmap 2.0 with City Colleges and UIC
- Partnerships with Universities through the College Compact
- Partnerships with Employers to Support Work-Based Learning
- Partnerships with Philanthropy and Community organizations
- Advanced Coursework and Credentialing
- Alumni Connection and Support
- Postsecondary Advising includes: College Application, Financial Aid, and Scholarship Application Support



# Growing Percentage of CPS Graduates Earning an Early College and Career Credential

OVER  
**57.2%**  
**of Graduates**  
EARNING AN ECCC IN 2026



AP



IB



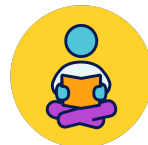
CTE



Dual  
Credit



Dual  
Enrollment



JROTC



Seal of  
Biliteracy



Work-Based  
Learning

# More Students Graduating With College Credit

Between 2024-2026 there has been a:

**33%**  
**INCREASE**  
of students  
graduating with  
**1+ credits**

**86%**  
**INCREASE**  
of students  
graduating with  
**15+ credits**  
(full semester)

**186%**  
**INCREASE**  
of students  
graduating with  
**30-60 credits**  
(full year)

**375%**  
**INCREASE**  
of students  
graduating with  
**2 years of credits**  
(Associate's Degree)

|                                                            | Latine | Black | Asian | White | Multi |
|------------------------------------------------------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Demographics of students earning 15+ early college credits | 50.1%  | 36.3% | 5.6%  | 5.6%  | .9%   |
| Demographics of CPS Students in Grades 9-12                | 47.4%  | 34%   | 4.5%  | 10.4% | 1.3%  |

Confidential

*\*Preliminary, pending final data on graduates and certifications*

# Advanced Placement (AP) & International Baccalaureate (IB)



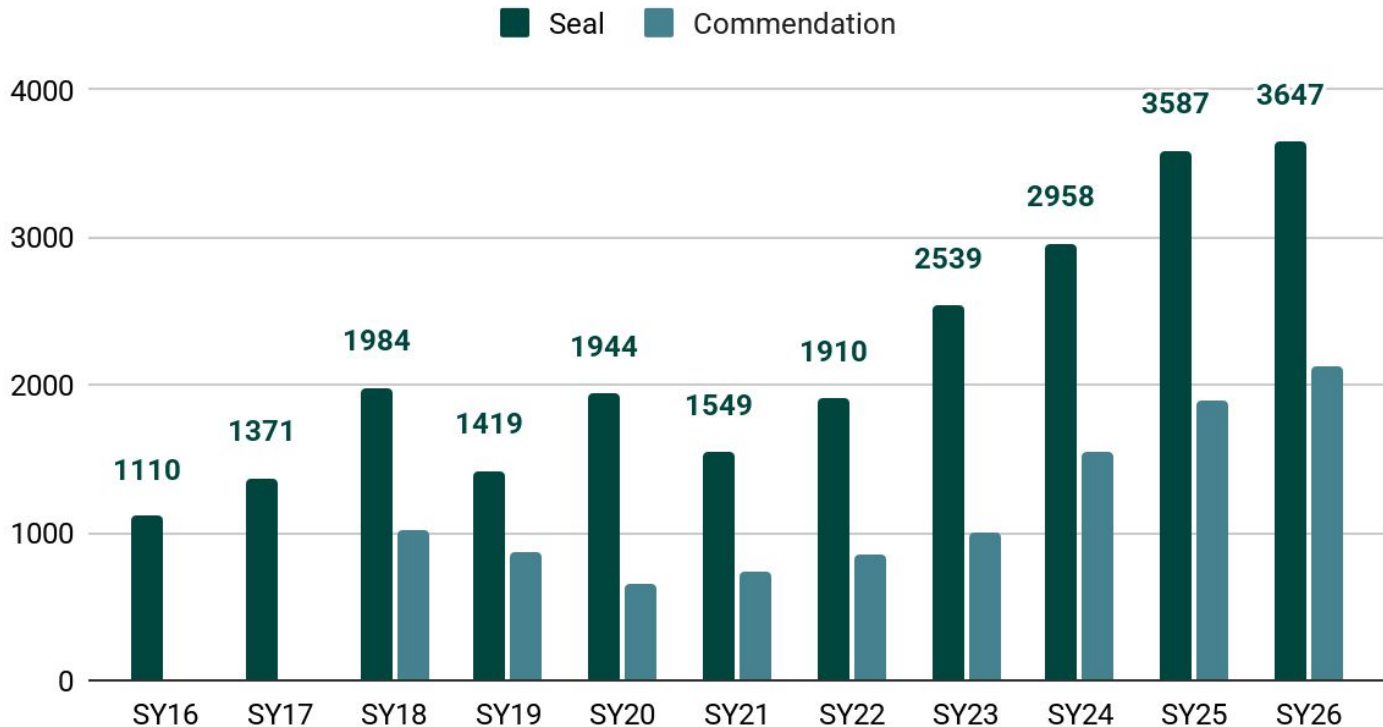
**27,000+**  
**Students**

TOOK AP EXAMS  
IN SY26

- **49,000+ AP exams were taken for 27,000 students in SY26, up +900 exams compared to SY25**
- **22,000+ Students scored 3+ on at least one AP exam in SY26, up +1,100 students compared to SY25**
- **6,500 Students enrolled in IB Diploma Programme/Career Programme courses in SY26, up +1,500 students compared to SY25**
- **3,700+ Students took 12,400+ IB exams in SY26, up +600 students and +600 exams compared to SY25**
- **2,200+ Students scored 4+ on at least one IB exam in SY26, up +100 students compared to SY25**

*According to College Board and International Baccalaureate data sources*

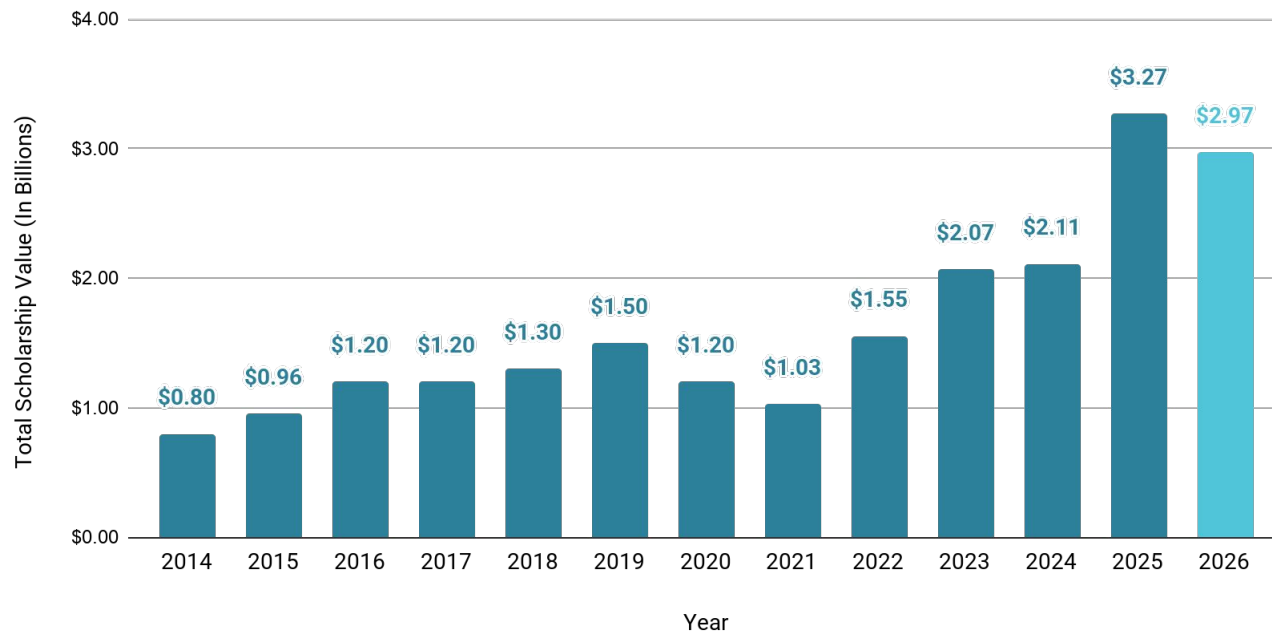
# Seal of Biliteracy at CPS (2016-2026)



# Nearly \$3 Billion in Scholarship Dollars Earned

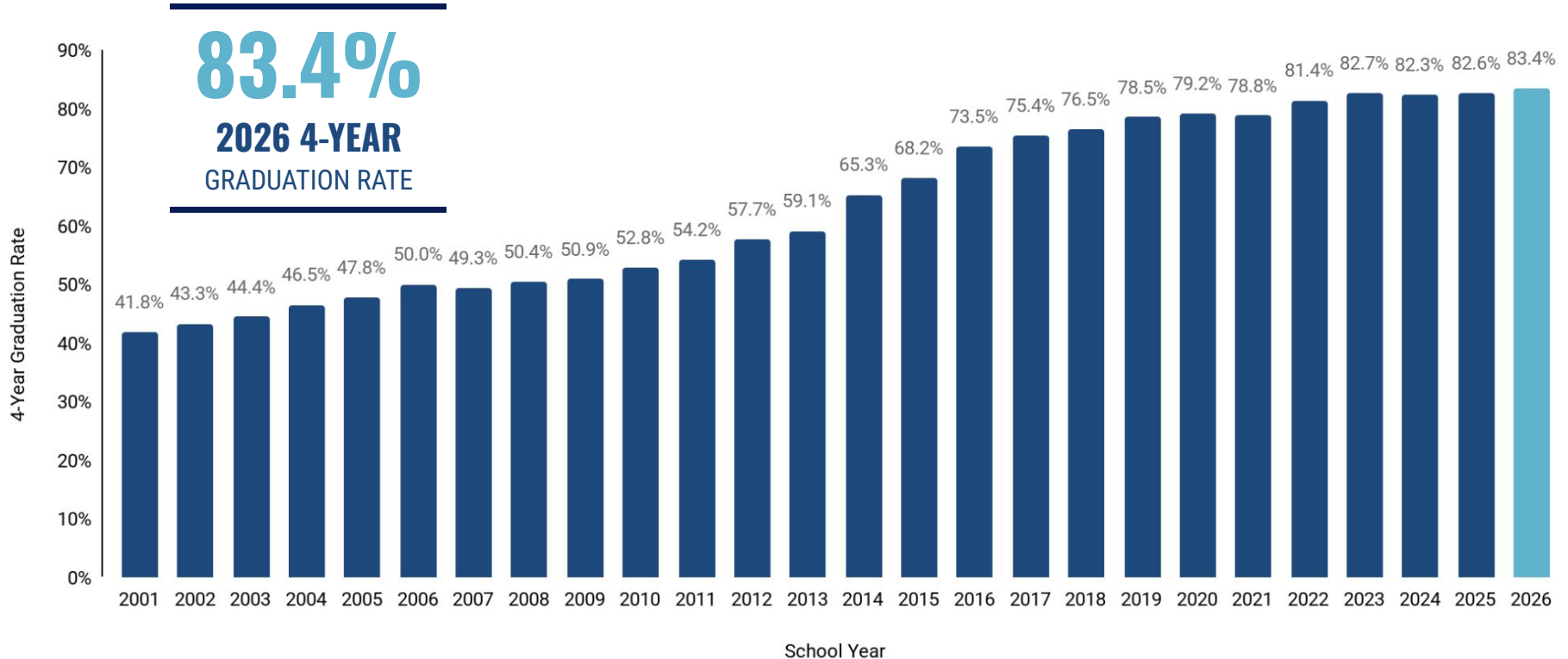
**\$2.97B**  
**IN SCHOLARSHIPS**  
Earned in 2026\*

Total Scholarship Value (In Billions) vs. Year



\*Class of 2026 Total does not yet include several major scholarship awards such as Hope Chicago.

# Rising Four-Year Graduation Rate



# Percent of Graduates Enrolling and Persisting in College

Nationwide College Enrollment Average: **63%**

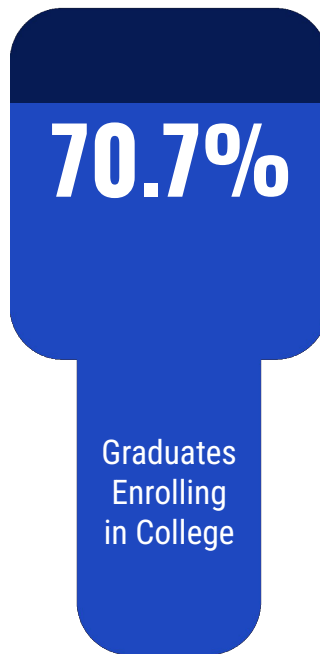
High-Poverty High School Average: **51%**

Nationwide College Persistence Average: **77.1%**

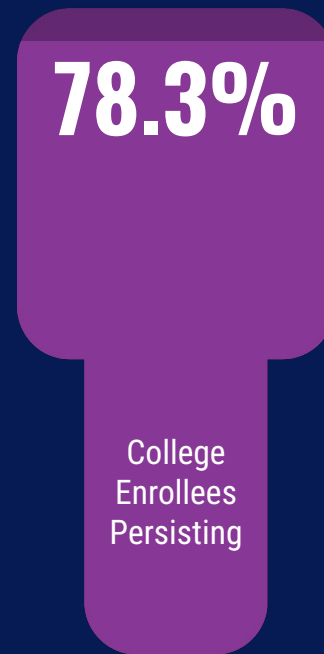
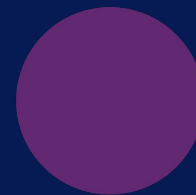
High-Poverty High School Average: **76%**



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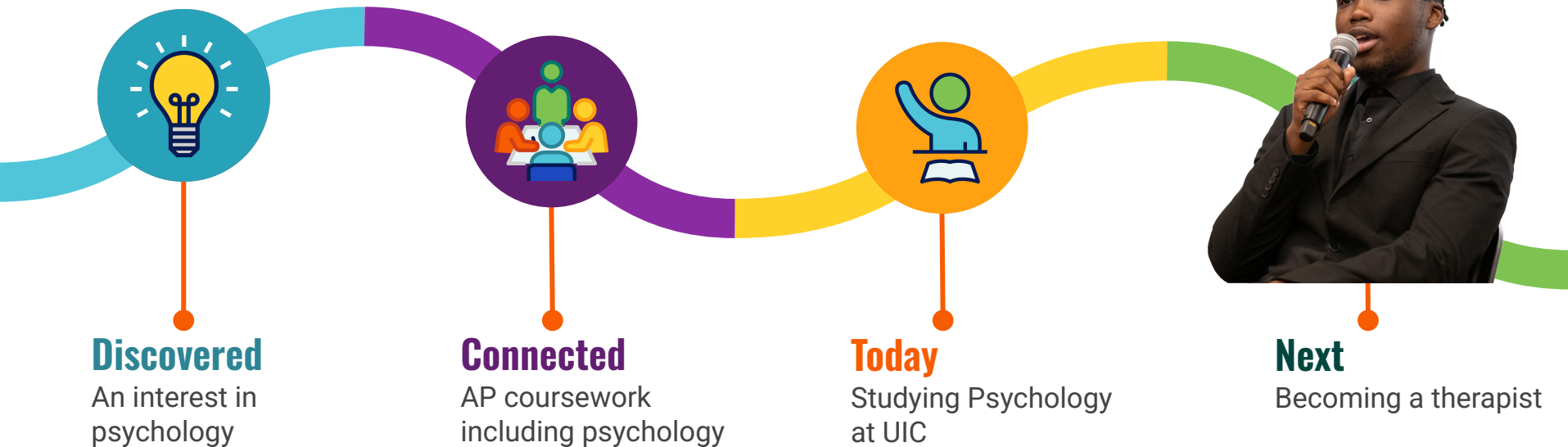
**CPS Graduate**  
CPS Class of 2025



**CPS College Student**  
CPS Class of 2024

# Gedeon Mawutodji's Path Forward

2025 Graduate | Kenwood Academy High School



# Laila Mendez's Path Forward

2020 Graduate | Von Steuben Metropolitan Science Center

